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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

Yoshiaki INOUE

Appln. No.: 09/775,615

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Examiner: Not Yet Assigned

For: METHOD OF DETERMINING THRESHOLD ARRANGEMENT FOR GENERATING  
GRADATION IMAGE, AND APPARATUS FOR GENERATING GRADATION IMAGE DATA

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

Page 8, in the substitute specification please delete the 1st full paragraph, and  
replace it with the following new paragraph:

When a dot pattern for a certain gradation is determined, all the thresholds may be  
determined in the order of increasing magnitudes for lower gradations and in the order of  
decreasing magnitudes for higher gradations.

Page 8, in the substitute specification please delete the 2<sup>nd</sup> first full paragraph, and  
replace it with the following new paragraph:

When the two dot patterns at a plurality of different gradations are determined, the  
positions of thresholds between different gradations may be determined in the order of increasing

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